App. F. IX-4

Previous References.
W 246-40-103
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Part B for June 1944

SUBJECT

Air Raid Intelligence

M. A. Krishnan
4.7.44

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Sl. 1 Re Road Intelligence

Letter No F3(15)-42/W dt 20.5.44 from the Secy to the Honble the Resident fdng copy of an endorsement issued from Head Quarters Southern Army dt 12.5.44 with enclosure on the above Subject

Subd with a draft letter to the I.G.P. & D.ms of Dts fdng for information a copy of the said endorsement in continuation of the previous letter dt 18.5.44 from this office.

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Sl. 2 Issued letter No W 2723 dt 28/5/44 to I.G.P & D.ms of Dts forwarding copy & ~~Copy letter~~ of SD H.Q. letter No G.S 1/42/D/12-5-44.

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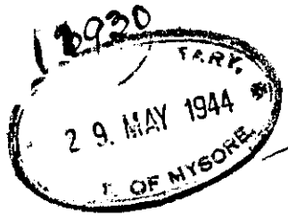

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
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Sl. 3 No F 3(15)-42/W dt 31-5-44 from Secy forwarding copy of C D endorsement No 6 50/44 dt 16-5-44

Subd for perusal & Orders in continuation to the one already received from H.Q Southern

Army copies of which have been sent to [illegible]

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SECRET.

OFFICE OF THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT
IN MYSORE.

Bangalore, the 20th May 1944

No.F.3(15)-42/W. (Secret) 2760/W

A copy of the undermentioned paper is forwarded to the

Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore,

for information with reference to the letter from this Residency No.F.3(15)-42/W, dated the 12th May 1943.

By order, etc.,

CHIEF SECRETARY. 23. MAY 1944 MYSORE.

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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Endorsement from Headquarters, Southern Army, No.G.S.I./42, dated the 12th May 1944, with enclosure.

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Endorsement from Headquarters, Southern Army, No.G.S.I./42, dated the 12th May 1944.

Subject:- AIR RAID INTELLIGENCE.

Ref. item (h) of Appx 'A' to letter No.1298/GSI(a) of 4 Apr 44 copies of which were forwardedto you under our G.S.I./42 of 15 Apr.'44.

1. Whereas in the past GHQ have concealed the true number of casualties suffered in air raids under such phrases as "slight", "moderate, "Heavy" or synonyms, with the object of not disclosing to the enemy the damage that was done, in future GHQ have decided to give the exact figures in the case of big cities such as VIZAGAPATAM, CALCUTTA and MADRAS as they feel that they are less likely to upset morale than the exaggerated rumours that nearly always arise. These figures will in future be contained in the communiques issued by GHQ.

2. Civil authorities, however, when drafting press notes in consultation with local Sub-Area Comds on raids on smaller towns such as COCANADA, NELLORE, etc., may consider it desirable to publish casualty figures in order to check panic and maintain morale in the affected area. In such cases the decision as to whether or not these figures will be included in the press note will be at the discretion of the local Sub-Area Comd concerned. Sub-Area Comds will be guided in their decision to give or withold the figures by their appreciation of whether their publication will steady morale or not.

3. It has also been decided that it would be of assistance in the prevention of rumours if escorted parties of responsible pressmen were allowed to visit bombed areas. Arrangements will therefore be made for this to be done whenever possible.

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SUBJECT..... Air Raid Communiques. .....

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Section War

File No. 213 - 43

Serial No. 2.

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

No. W. 2723.

To

General and Revenue Secretariat

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D. Ms of Wks.

Date of issue... 28/5/44 .....

Signed by.... M. S. K. V. "Z"

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter No. 4286-95/W dated 17.5.44 on the above subject, I am directed to forward for information & guidance a copy of endorsement from Head Quarters, Southern Army No. G.S.I./42, dt 12.5.44 regard Air Raid Intelligence, since received from the Resy

I have etc.,

for Chief Secy to Govt

List of enclosures.....

Copied by.....

Examined by.....

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Copy of letter No.50/44-C.D., dated the 16-5-44, from the Govt.of India, Civil Defence Branch Defence Dept., New Delhi

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Civil Defence Circular No.650/44.

I am directed to refer to this Dept's letter No.390/1/41-A.R.P.(C.D.) of 11th April 1942 regarding the publication of the number of Air Raid casualties and to say that it has been decided in consultation with G.H.Q(I) that casualty figures will be published for raids on big cities, e.g. Calcutta and Madras, where a loss of morale might have serious results on the war effort.

2. Casualty figures for other places may be published at the discretion of the Army Commander on representation to him by the Prov.Government that the state of morale and the rumours that are being spread make this desirable to check panic.

3. It has also been decided that it would be of assistance in the prevention of rumours if escorted parties of responsible pressmen were allowed to visit bombed areas. It is requested, therefore, that arrangements may be made for this to be done when possible.

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W 213-43-3 2827 Secret.

OFFICE OF THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

Bangalore the 31st May 1944.

No.F.3(15)-49/W (enclosure)

A copy of the undermentioned paper is forwarded to the

Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore Bangalore,

for information, in continuation of endorsement from this Residency No.F.3(15)-49/W, dated the 20th May 1944.

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By order, etc.

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT

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The Government of India, Civil Defence Circular No.650/44 dated the 16th May 1944.

CHIEF WAR [illegible] 31. MAY 1944 MAR: [illegible] OFFICE OF MYSORE

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